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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

v.

ALDERSHOT

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Today we welcome for the first time ever to Springfield Park, Aldershot.

Aldershot are a comparatively new club in comparison to many other League sides. The club was formed in 1927. The first manager was the well-known Angus Seed, who later went to Barnsley, and it was largely due to him that the steps taken by local enthusiasts were implemented.

He moulded the first players into a team, and launched them with success as a club in membership with the Southern League, where it performed with credit in its first season and attracted public attention by reaching the 2nd Round in the F.A. Cup competition after playing right through from the extra preliminary round.

The next five years saw the club as runners-up, then as champions of the Southern League.

In 1932-33 Aldershot was accepted into the Third Division (South) of the Football League; and again its start was meteoric, because in its first season in the League it reached the last sixteen in the F.A. Cup.

During the war years, when its manager was the famous W. McCracken, the old Irish international back of Newcastle fame, the club provided good football for many guest players who were stationed at Aldershot and its spectators saw a succession of famous stars assist the club.

Aldershot is primarily a town of and for soldiers. Their ground, known as the Recreation Ground, is ideally situated, and has a capacity of 25,000.

At present they hold quite a high position in the League and it is expected that today's game will provide first class entertainment for what we hope will be a good 'gate'.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

Saturday, 13th January, 1979 — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

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FROM THE MANAGERS DESK

Today we welcome Aldershot to Springfield Park. Managed by Tom McAnearney, the ex-Sheffield Wednesday star, they have been knocking at the Third Division door for a few years and this year is no exception. If we are to do anything this season, we have to beat sides of the calibre of Aldershot.

SEASON SO FAR

Today is an appropriate time to look back on the season so far. At time of going to press we have taken 22 points from 20 games. After our bad start of one point from five games it has got to be said that the players have done exceptionally well and as long as we can continue our improvement, then our year of con-

solidation will have been a success.

However, we are only half way through and 100% effort will still be needed. If we are lucky enough to stay in the promotion race, then I am sure our excellent supporters will back us to the hilt. This has also been a testing year for our fans and they have come through with flying colours, both in quantity and the quality of their vocal support.

I, on behalf of the players and staff would like to thank each and every one of you, and trust you will continue to back us all the way, and we will try our utmost not to let you down.

Enjoy today's match.

I. McNEILL

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Focus on JOE HINNIGAN

<i>Full Name :</i>	Joseph Peter Hinnigan.
<i>Birthplace :</i>	Liverpool.
<i>Birthdate :</i>	3rd December, 1955.
<i>Height :</i>	6 ft. 0 ins.
<i>Weight :</i>	12 stone 4 lbs.
<i>Previous Clubs :</i>	South Liverpool, and Everton as a youngster.
<i>Married :</i>	No.
<i>Children :</i>	No.
<i>Car :</i>	Ford Escort.
<i>Favourite player :</i>	Colin Todd.
<i>Favourite other team :</i>	Everton.
<i>Most difficult opponent :</i>	All difficult.
<i>Most memorable match :</i>	Against Birmingham, F.A. Cup 1976.
<i>Biggest thrill :</i>	Playing in the above match.
<i>Biggest disappointment :</i>	None yet.
<i>Best country visited :</i>	Holland.
<i>Favourite food :</i>	Steak.
<i>Miscellaneous likes :</i>	Playing records and winning games.
<i>Miscellaneous dislikes :</i>	Smoking.
<i>Favourite TV shows :</i>	The Two Ronnies, The Untouchables.
<i>Favourite singers :</i>	E.L.O., Genesis, Elkie Brooks.
<i>Favourite actors :</i>	Clint Eastwood, Faye Dunaway and Benny.
<i>Best friend:</i>	Have many.
<i>Biggest influence on career :</i>	No-one.
<i>Biggest drag in soccer :</i>	Injuries and losing.
<i>International honours :</i>	English F.A. XI v. British Universities.
<i>Personal ambition :</i>	To be successful.
<i>Professional ambition :</i>	To play at Wembley.
<i>If not in football, what would you like to be :</i>	A professional gambler.
<i>Which person in the world would you most like to meet :</i>	The Queen.

PEN PICTURES OF ALDERSHOT F.C.

TOMMY McANEARNEY—Manager

In his second spell with the club having arrived originally as player-coach in March 1966 from Peterborough United. Had been a wing-half in his playing career spent chiefly with Sheffield Wednesday for whom he made 352 League appearances. A Scot, he rejoined the Hillsborough club in Oct., 1968, as coach. Later had spells with Crewe and Bury in a managerial capacity before returning to Aldershot in the summer of 1972 as manager. Had an instant success because the club won promotion for the first time in their history. Is now the longest serving of all Fourth Division managers.

MURRAY BRODIE—Forward

Glasgow born Scot who came to Aldershot from Leicester City in the Joe Jopling exchange deal in September 1970. Can play midfield, on the wing, or as a striker. Highest number of appearances among current playing staff.

MALCOLM CROSBY—Midfield

Longest serving member of the current squad having been signed as a 16 year old in 1970. Born South Shields and made his debut as substitute against Darlington in February 1972, while still an apprentice. Professional, July 1972.

WILL DIXON—Defender

A 1977 close season signing from Swindon Town. A Londoner who began with Arsenal turning professional with them in May 1968. Later made his League debut with Reading, and was briefly with Colchester. Over 300 League appearances.

JOHN DUNGWORTH—Forward

Top Aldershot scorer last season with 23 League goals. Another 1977 summer capture from Oldham Athletic but had been on loan to Rochdale in 1976-77. Born Yorkshire, started with Huddersfield and was also with Barnsley (on loan).

NIGEL EDWARDS—Defender

A Wrexham born Welsh Under-23 international on two occasions in 1972-73 and once in 1973-74. Full-back, signed this summer from Chester for whom he had made over 300 League and Cup appearances. Also on loan to Rotherham United once.

JOE JOPLING—Defender

Returned to Aldershot in 1974—after nearly four years with Leicester City and short loan period with Torquay United. Comes from South Shields and is a central defender who began as a full-back. League debut November 1969.

ALEX MCGREGOR—Forward

Glasgow born winger who began with Troon and graduated to Ayr United and Hibernian before moving south to Shrewsbury Town. Is now in his third season with Aldershot after a brief spell with West Ham United. Club debut October 1976.

TERRY SHANAHAN—Forward

Experienced striker with over 200 League appearances, signed this summer from Bournemouth. Was with Millwall, Chesterfield, Halifax, Blackburn (on loan) and Ipswich Town previously, after starting with Tottenham. Born Paddington.

ALAN WOOLER—Defender

Versatile back four player, signed from West Ham in April 1976, and loaned to Boston Minutemen. Previously with Manchester United as a youth, Weymouth, Aiton Town and Reading. Spent 1977 summer with HJK Helsinki (Finland). Born Poole.

TOMMY YOULDEN—Defender

Secured from Reading in April 1977, but had started his career with Arsenal, later moving to Portsmouth where he made his League debut. Had made over 250 League appearances before coming to Aldershot. London born, centre-half.

GLEN JOHNSON—Goalkeeper

Former England Youth international while with Arsenal, being capped in 1970 v Eire. Later with Doncaster Rovers with whom he made over 100 League and Cup appearances and Walsall (on loan). Now in his sixth season. Born in Barrow.

ANDY NEEDHAM—Forward

Made his First Division debut for Birmingham City in March 1976 and moved to Blackburn Rovers that summer. Came to Aldershot on loan in March 1977 and was signed permanently the next month. A product of Harlow and Essex Boys.

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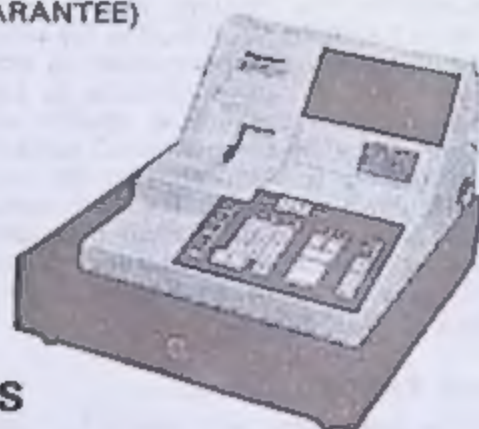
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FACTS

Aldershot and Wigan have something in common inasmuch as the first manager for each club was a famous Newcastle Utd. player who gained a F.A. Cup Final medal with the famous North East club.

In 1909-10 McCracken was in the team that beat Barnsley. He was eventually Aldershot's manager in 1932.

In 1923-24 Spencer was in the team that beat Aston Villa. He was, as all know, Wigan's first manager in 1932.

Charlie Spencer who served in the first World War spent some of his war service at Aldershot.

Doncaster Rovers have recently appointed Billy Bremner as manager. This will certainly be a good appointment if this dynamic little Scot proves to be as good a manager as he was a player.

Three of the Leeds cup winning team of 1971-72 are now managers: Bremner at Doncaster, Jack Charlton at Sheffield Wed., and Allan Clarke at Barnsley, Paul Reaney is a player-coach at Bradford City.

Three of the England World Cup winning team of 1966 are still playing in competitive football: Gordon Banks in America, Martin Peters at Norwich and Alan Ball at Southampton.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV (up to and including 16th December 1978)

	Home							Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Wimbledon _____	20	9	1	0	21	8	3	5	2	14	13	30	
Reading _____	20	8	2	0	23	5	3	4	3	11	12	28	
Portsmouth _____	20	8	1	1	17	2	4	2	4	15	14	27	
Barnsley _____	19	5	2	2	16	8	5	4	1	12	5	26	
Aldershot _____	20	6	3	1	16	6	2	6	2	9	10	25	
Grimsby _____	20	6	2	2	19	10	4	2	4	12	11	24	
WIGAN ATHLETIC _____	20	6	0	3	14	9	3	4	4	8	10	22	
Bournemouth _____	19	5	2	3	15	9	2	4	3	5	5	20	
Stockport _____	20	6	2	2	16	5	1	4	5	12	18	20	
Port Vale _____	19	2	6	2	15	14	5	0	4	15	12	20	
Torquay _____	19	6	1	2	15	7	3	1	6	9	18	20	
Hereford _____	20	5	5	0	18	8	2	1	7	11	16	20	
Hartlepool _____	19	3	5	2	16	12	3	2	4	6	15	19	
York _____	19	4	2	3	10	10	4	1	5	9	15	19	
Scunthorpe _____	20	6	1	3	16	12	1	4	5	7	12	19	
Huddersfield _____	20	6	4	1	16	8	0	2	7	5	15	18	
Northampton _____	20	5	4	1	18	10	1	2	7	11	22	18	
Newport _____	20	3	3	4	12	14	3	3	4	13	15	18	
Bradford _____	19	4	2	3	16	12	4	0	6	10	19	18	
Darlington _____	20	3	4	3	11	8	2	2	6	10	18	16	
Doncaster _____	20	4	4	3	13	11	1	2	6	9	18	16	
Crewe _____	20	2	3	5	12	18	1	5	4	8	19	14	
Rochdale _____	20	2	3	5	7	14	0	3	7	4	21	10	
Halifax _____	21	1	3	6	5	14	0	2	9	9	24	7	

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Today is our last game in 1978—a year which will go down in history as Wigan Athletic's greatest. Since New Year's Day so many wonderful things have happened. As a non-league club the year started with our visit to Birmingham in the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup. Although we lost the game — our performance gained us many friends in the football world, even the Birmingham Chief of Police praised the conduct of our spectators.

As the year went by we had, by the end of the season, gained sufficient league points to qualify us as candidates for election to the Football League. On 2nd June, we attended the Annual General Meeting of the Football League more hopeful than confident of being elected, but to our great excitement we made it after a

tie with Southport on the first vote. I shall never forget the welcome we received on our return to the ground that same evening—Wigan was wild with excitement.

The following week, however, we had to get down to some serious thinking and we were very much surprised at the amount of work that had to be put in before the kick-off. Everybody rallied round — and the number of volunteers to come forward was amazing.

Now at the year's end we are in a great position in the league and the amount of work completed to make Springfield Park a Football League ground has surprised even us.

May I, therefore, on behalf of the Board, thank all concerned, manager, players, staff, supporters club members and supporters for all that has happened during this exciting year and we sincerely hope 1979 brings as much success to you all as we have experienced this year.

We thank all the clubs we have visited for their wonderful hospitality for we have been made to feel at home at every ground.

May I personally welcome the chairman and directors of Aldershot Football Club today for their first Football League game against Wigan Athletic. I hope they will enjoy today's game and accept our hospitality whatever the result.

A Happy New Year to you all.

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SATURDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1978 — Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

LINE-UP

Wigan Athletic

- 1 John Brown
- 2 Kevin Smart
- 3 Joe Hinnigan
- Tommy Gora
- 5 Noel Ward
- 6 Dave Fretwell
- 7 Frank Corrigan
- 8 Jeff Wright
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mickey Moore
- 11 Ian Purdie
- 12 Derek Brownbill

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(Carlisle)

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(Ruthin)
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Mr J. P. Evans
(Prestatyn)
Yellow Flag

FOR YOUR RECORD

Result

Attendance

Scorers:

Aldershot

- 1 Glen Johnson
- 2 Nigel Edwards
- 3 Alan Wooler
- 4 Will Dixon
- 6 Tommy Youlden
- 6 Joe Jopling
- 7 Malcolm Crosby
- 8 Murray Brodie
- 9 Terry Shanahan
- 10 John Dungworth
- 11 Alex McGregor
- 12

TODAY'S DEFENSE

COLIN N. SEEL (Carlisle). Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodlight, Central and Fish Leagues to the Football League full list. Has refereed a number of important League matches and officiated in an F.A. Cup semi-final and an Amateur Cup final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain.

He is married with two daughters. Keen on gardening, and enjoys all sports and fell-walking.

OPINION

by Harold Ashurst



The injury to John Brown at Darlington two weeks ago gave manager Ian McNeill a number of problems. It has been a well-known fact that he has been on the lookout for a goalkeeper since the start of the season, as cover for John, but his efforts have met with no success.

Attempts to sign experienced goalkeepers such as Everton's David Lawson proved fruitless and Lawson went to Luton, preferring Second Division football to Fourth.

Another factor preventing a signing has been the money. The ever increasing transfer spiral means that clubs want hefty fees for players, many of whom are second-teamers. Mr. McNeill is understandably loath to pay out a lot when the player is no better than the one he has got already.

However, canny Scot that he is, the manager decided to try and get

a goalkeeper on loan and after two wasted efforts managed to acquire Mark Grew, the highly-rated reserve team goalkeeper from First Division West Brom.

When they knew Grew was available, Latics officials dashed to the midlands in a bid to get him in time for the match at Halifax.

It was a close thing. Mr. McNeill, secretary Derek Welsby and director G. Gerner were in West Bromwich at 3.0 p.m. on the Thursday before the match. A dash up the motorway saw them reach the League's headquarters at Lytham with just three minutes to spare.

One man who will be delighted with Grew's signing is centre-half Noel Ward. Although more than competent between the sticks, he told me some time ago that he was not all that keen on playing in goal.

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5—Southport Res.	H 1-1
September—	
2—Everton 'A'	A 2-1
9—Chester 'A'	H 1-3
5—Tranmere R. Res.	A 0-0
6—	
3—Bradford City Res	H 5-0
0—Liverpool 'A'	A 1-2
October—	
7—Rochdale Res.	H 2-2
4—Rochdale Res	A 0-1
1—Carlisle Utd. Res	H 2-0
'7—Stockport County 'A'	A 8-0
November—	
1—Tranmere R. Res	H 2-2
8—Crewe Alex 'A'	A 3-3
'5—Manchester City 'A'	A 2-1
December—	
2—Blackpool 'A'	H
9—Port Vale Res	H 3-1
3—Macclesfield T Res	H 5-1
6—Chester 'A'	A
'6—	
10—Morecambe Res.	A

1979

January—	F-A
1—Oldham Ath. Res.	H (Mn)
6—Morecambe Res	H
13—Port Vale Res.	A
20—Manchester City 'A'	H
27—Macclesfield T Res	A
February—	
3—Bradford City Res	A
10—Crewe Alex Res	H
17—Manchester Utd. A	A
24—Oldham Ath. Res	A
March—	
3—Carlisle Res	A
10—Stockport County 'A'	H
17—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A
24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	H
31—Wrexham Res	A
April—	
7—Manchester Utd. A'	H
13—Southport Res	A (Fri)
15—Wrexham Res	H
16—	
21—Liverpool 'A'	H
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